SEPT 18

First before my picks I want to give a special congratulations to those FCS teams who have beaten FBS teams. Here is a look at the ones who have won so far.

Jacksonville State over Ole Miss North Dakota State over Kansas Liberty over Ball State South Dakota over Minnesota Gardner-Webb over Akron James Madison over Virginia Tech

The impressive performances from FCS teams so far is noteworthy and won that stood out was Liberty where the Flames were able to dominate in week one and then follow it up last week with an impressive game against Ball State. Watching that game it was evident that Mike Brown and Chris Summers could play anywhere. The interesting thing is how the two got to Liberty. Summers was actually highly recruited originally committing to Louisville but when Petrino left he had no other offers except for South Florida but they wanted to grey shirt him. He landed at Liberty where the big junior models his game after Brandon Marshall.

When asked about how this special relationship that has been so impressive early on developed Summers said "This has been years in the making. We had always been throwing passes to each other and we made a huge commitment this summer staying here working on our routes and timing."

According to Summers he is about 6'5 210 and has run a 4.52 40-yard dash. If those numbers hold when the NFL comes to evaluate him don't be surprised to see him and Brown both end up high on the NFL radar.

When asked about the rest of their season Summers replied "Our main goal is to win the Big South since it is our first year having an automatic bid."

It is great to see the Big South players so excited about a playoff bid this year which should make for an interesting season and one to remember, which is why I have focused on them today. Watch the Big South this year. They might not be the most talented league but it could be the most fun to watch this season.

HAMPTON NFL PROSPECT RETURNS TO ACTION

Hampton senior DT #97 KENRICK ELLIS (6047, 338) had been taken off the Hampton roster and his status was in question until last week when he was declared eligible and returned to the field with a game to make up for missing his first. You would think his numbers in this game were over the last two weeks with this once in a lifetime type effort with a game-high 16 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, two sacks, one quarterback hurry, and one fumble recovery in their 31-21 win over Howard. He was named the MEAC Defensive Player of the Week for this performance.

DEVLIN FRACTURES WRIST; EXPECTED TO PLAY

Delaware senior QB #17 PAT DEVLIN (6032, 222) has fractured his wrist in his non-throwing hand but x-rays revealed the damage to be minor and he is expected to play on Saturday. Keeler said Devlin was injured in the first quarter of Saturday's 26-3 win over South Dakota State at Delaware Stadium. He played until Delaware had the win sewn up in the fourth quarter, and completed 14 of 25 passes for 143 yards and a touchdown. He was 3-for-8 in the second half.

WESTERN CAROLINA CAREER CUT SHORT DUE TO BACK INJURY

Junior QB #12 ZACK JAYNES (5110, 205) has made the decision to end his football playing career citing safety and future health concerns surrounding a herniated disc that he suffered back in May of 2009. Jaynes met with the Catamount coaching staff on Sunday to relay his decision.

That is the major news and notes of the week. Now here is a look at my week three picks:

Georgetown at Yale

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Georgetown	76	140	8	2
Yale	184	255	27	3

Georgetown DE Andrew Schaetzke had a big game last week with two sacks to earn national honors. Look for a closer game than it would have been in past years but Yale is still too much.

Josh's Pick: Yale 24 Georgetown 17

New Hampshire at Rhode Island

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UNH	176	185	36	3
RI	104	220	21	3

After UNH's five win streak against FBS teams ended last week they look to rebound against conference cellar dweller Rhode Island. UNH dominates this game with too much talent for Rhode Island.

Josh's Pick: UNH 35 RI 13

Liberty at Robert Morris

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO	
Liberty		131	255	35	3
RM	89	160	17	2	

QB Mike Brown and WR Chris Summers keep their hot streak alive by laying it on obert Morris. Some believe this could be close but I see a blowout win and it could be a good week to upset Liberty with a hangover from their FBS win. I think Liberty wins by double digits behind the arm of Brown but not by as much as the computers.

Josh's Pick: Liberty 31 RM 20

Sacred Heart at St. Francis PA

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SH	121	275	32	3
SFP	149	205	26	1

Neither team is very good against the pass and turnovers should be the big difference. Sacred Heart wins in a close one.

Josh's Pick: SH 35 SFP 28

Fordham at Columbia

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Fordham	161	260	22	2
Columbia	189	200	30	1

Fordham TE Stephen Skelton has attracted looks from NFL scouts and is one to watch. Despite that they likely look this game behind a big ground attack from Columbia.

Josh's Pick: Columbia 28 Fordham 24

Stony Brook at Brown

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SB	156	220	22	2
Brown	99	290	28	2

SB RB Ed Gowins has a big day to lead them to victory despite the computers projecting Brown. Look for a close one though.

Josh's Pick: SB 24 Brown 21

Princeton at Lehigh

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Princeton	81	165	13	2
Lehigh	174	255	30	2

Lehigh's Will Rackley struggled last week against Villanova and the team in general did. Princeton leads this series in a dominant fashion but Lehigh might be too mad after their loss last week to be upset in this one. This game will be close though with Lehigh winning. Watch for Lehigh LB Al Pierce.

Josh's Pick: Lehigh 28 Princeton 24

Florida A&M at Howard

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO	
FAMU		176	145	29	2
Howard	124	125	12	3	

FAMU has not looked very good to start the year but neither has Howard. Howard doesn't have much talent and FAMU at least shows some speed. Look for a close one but FAMU pulls it out.

Josh's Pick: FAMU 24 Howard 13

Elon at Richmond

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Elon	36	280	22	2
Richmond	154	210	30	1

This is the big matchup of the week pitting two top 10 teams in what could help determine seeds for the play-offs. Richmond showed last week they are clearly not the team they were last year. Elon wins this one showing folks they are for real.

Josh's Pick: Elon 35 Richmond 24

Davidson at Campbell

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Davidson	156	140	22	4
Campbell	219	100	23	0

This should be a close game but Campbell pulls out a victory forcing turnovers and pounding the ball down their throats. Neither team has been impressive early on. Campbell wins by 7.

Josh's Pick: Campbell 28 Davidson 21

Morehead St at Dayton

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO	
MSU	76	230	21	3	
Dayton		119	285	35	3

QB Steve Valentino is talented and despite being ranked lower than Morehead State they pull the upset to win by double digits.

Josh's Pick: Dayton 38 MSU 27

Jacksonville St at Georgia St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
JSU	256	250	41	1
GSU	109	125	11	3

Georgia State has been off to a good start in their program but it ends this week as JSU puts it on them. QB

Marques Ivory has a big game for JSU.

Josh's Pick: JSU 45 GSU 13

Alabama A&M at Texas Southern

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
A&M	126	100	20	1
TSU	94	250	29	4

TSU QB Arvell Nelson struggled heavily last week against UCONN but he should have a better game this week and lead them to victory. TSU wins a close one.

Josh's Pick: TSU 28 Alabama A&M 17

Cornell at Wagner

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Cornell	171	135	22	2
Wagner	194	185	25	0

Neither team appears to have a shot at a winning season but Wagner is more balanced and should win the turnover battle. Wagner wins a close one.

Josh's Pick: Wagner 28 Cornell 24

Sam Houston St at Western Illinois

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
${\bf SHSU}$	111	145	17	2
WIU	204	255	36	1

WIU QB Matt Barr has a big game as they win easily behind solid play from their offensive line. WIU by two scores.

Josh's Pick: WIU 35 SHSU 21

Drake at Montana St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Drake	-34	155	9	3
MSU	154	300	34	3

Montana State comes in mad after losing a game they should have won against Washington State last week. LB Clay Bignell is off to a good start on defense and will lead them to a win along with QB Denarius McGhee who was solid last week despite his three interceptions. MSU wins big.

Josh's Pick: MSU 35 Drake 10

Towson at Villanova

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
TU	86	175	7	3
UV	299	150	43	1

Nova is off to a good start despite the early loss to Temple and OT Ben Ijalana is dominating playing as a top 100 draft pick should. Look for a blowout but keep an eye on Towson's QB as he is an athletic playmaker who might put a couple scores on the board.

Josh's Pick: Villanova 42 Towson 14

NC Central at Appalachian St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
NCCU	J 61	150	22	3
ASU	299	310	50	3

QB DeAndre Presley has done a great job in taking over for Armanti Edwards and should have another good week against NCCU. ASU wins big at home.

Josh's Pick: ASU 45 NCCU 14

Idaho St at N Colorado

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
ISU	111	155	16	3
UNC	204	205	31	2

UNC RB Andre Harris and DE/LB John Eddy are looking good so far and lead them to a big win over a less talented Idaho State team. Look for a double digit win by UNC.

Josh's Pick: UNC 38 ISO 20

S Carolina St at Bethune-Cookman

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SCSU	171	180	29	2
BCC	124	105	23	2

South Carolina State has too much talent despite the early struggles and will get back on track. Look for an easy win by the Bulldogs.

Josh's Pick: SCSU 35 BCC 21

Alcorn St at Miss Valley St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO	
ASU	156	225	35	3	
MVSU	J	104	190	20	3

ASU leads the SWAC in scoring and should have no problem against last place MVSU. Look for a big win by ASU behind QB Dominguez.

Josh's Pick: ASU 38 MVSU 17

Alabama St at Prairie View A&M

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
ASU	41	120	8	2
PVAMU	184	265	27	2

QB K.J. Black leads PVAMU to a big win over conference foe Alabama State to make it four straight wins over ASU.

Josh's Pick: PVAMU 28 ASU 14

Jackson St at Grambling

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
JSU	51	180	15	2
GSU	194	195	31	1

JSU QB Therriault leads the SWAC in passing yards per game. Look for a big game from him as they defeat a GSU squad that would be much tougher if Christian Anthony were on the field.

Josh's Pick: JSU 35 GSU 10

SF Austin at Northern Iowa

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SFA	1	275	16	3
UNI	219	240	33	2

Hard to believe this is not the biggest game of the week with No. 10 and No. 13 facing off. This is a huge game that will give the SLC confidence if they can win but if UNI dominates them as most expect this could prove to be a long year for the SLC. I think the SLC is better this year and SFA is improved. UNI wins by double digits but not as bad as the computers project.

Josh's Pick: UNI 35 SFA 24

Duquesne at Delaware

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Duq	16	190	5	2
UD	214	260	38	2

This could be closer than projected if QB Pat Devlin is not 100 percent for Delaware. He is expected to play however and should still put up big numbers. Devlin has a better game this week and leads them to an easy win.

Josh's Pick: Delaware 42 Duquesne 13

E Kentucky at Chattanooga

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
EKU	56	215	16	3
UTC	84	225	23	3

UTC QB B.J. Coleman will have a big day as the Mocs continue their impressive play and get their first win. Mocs by 17.

Josh's Pick: UTC 34 EKU 17

Ga Southern at Coastal Carolina

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
GSU	131	110	18	2
CCU	114	200	15	2

The Eagles played Navy tough last week but don't have the speed to defeat the Chanticleers. CB Josh Norman is one to watch for Coastal Carolina.

Josh's Pick: GSU 28 CCU 20

W Carolina at Gardner-Webb

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
WCU	91	200	22	2
GW	154	235	30	2

The Catamounts lost their QB for good and GW is coming off an impressive FBS win. Look for GW to win easily.

Josh's Pick: GW 21 WCU 10 N Carolina A&T at Hampton

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO	
NCAT	91	110	15	1	
Hampton	219	175	25	2	

Hampton RB Steven Robinson needs to have a big game and does so leading them to a double digit win.

Josh's Pick: Hampton 28 NCAT 17

Central Conn St at Youngstown St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
CCSU	111	125	16	2
YSU	204	140	23	2

YSU WR/RS Dominique Barnes has been impressive and is just too fast for CCSU to contain. YSU wins easily.

Josh's Pick: YSU 38 CCSU 17

SE Missouri St at Southern Illinois

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SEMO	166	145	16	4
SIU	224	215	36	2

SIU struggled last week against Illinois but should do much better this week. QB Chris Dieker will need to improve his play if they are going to make a deep playoff run though.

Josh's Pick: SIU 35 SEMO 14

Holy Cross at Harvard

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
HC	41	250	22	2
Harvard	174	285	30	2

This should be a close game especially with QB Dominic Randolph gone from Holy Cross. With Collier Winters lost in a scrimmage they will start Andrew Hatch who has plenty of talent around him and should lead them to a close win.

Josh's Pick: Harvard 28 HC 21

Lafayette at Penn

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Lafayette	36	255	15	2

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Penn is expected to be one of the top teams to not play in the playoffs and the will prove so over a Lafayette team that appears to be down.

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Josh's Pick: Penn 28 Lafayette 14

William & Mary at Old Dominion

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
W&M	226	245	39	3
ODU	69	170	10	3

ODU was expected to be good by many this year but as I expected they are not doing as well as they are not able to surprise anyone. William & Mary is just too talented. They win behind a big game from RB Jonathan Grimes.

Josh's Pick: W&M 38 ODU 21

Cal Poly at Texas St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
CP	216	110	33	4
TSU	89	290	26	2

Cal Poly could have a hangover this week after beating Montana behind LB Marty Mohamed who earned Great West honors. Texas State is not very good though beating SAU by a small margin. Look for Cal Poly to have a hangover but still win in a close one.

Josh's Pick: CP 31 TSU 24

Murray St at Central Arkansas

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
MSU	46	185	18	3
UCA	219	220	36	3

MSU WR Marcus Harris is injured which hurts their performance but they are still thin on talent. Look for UCA to win behind a big game from QB Nathan Dick.

Josh's Pick: UCA 28 MSU 14

Morgan St at North Dakota St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
MSU	56	25	0	3
NDSU	J 204	240	37	3

NDSU had a hangover last week after their win over Kansas managing just nine points last week. They will do much better this week and rebound nicely with a big win.

Josh's Pick: NDSU 35 MSU 14

Lamar at SE Louisiana

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Lamar	91	220	17	4
SELU	194	270	33	2

SELU has plenty of talent offensively and should put up big numbers. Watch for junior WR Simmie Yarborough as he should have a big day. SELU wins big.

Josh's Pick: SELU 31 Lamar 14

Illinois St at South Dakota St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
ISU	156	200	35	3
SDSU	129	255	30	3

I must disagree with the computers here as I believe RB Kyle Minett rebounds nicely and has a good game against ISU. South Dakota State wins by double digits.

Josh's Pick: SDSU 38 ISU 24

E Illinois at UT Martin

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
EIU	121	140	24	1
UTM	139	240	18	3

EIU lost much of their o-line and it has shown. UTM doesn't have much talent though and likely won't be able to score much against a talented EIU defense. Look for Eastern Illinois to win by double digits.

Josh's Pick: EIU 30 UTM 10

Austin Peay at Tennessee St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
AP	161	145	26	1
TSU	189	190	30	5

RB Preston Brown led TSU with 218 yards and two touchdowns last week and should have another big day in a close win by the Tigers. TSU wins by double digits.

Josh's Pick: TSU 31 AP 17

Presbyterian at The Citadel

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO	
PC	131	265	31	4	
Citadel		229	170	39	1

This game won't be as high scoring as the computers project as both teams played FBS games last week giving up more than they will the rest of the season. Citadel wins by double digits.

Josh's Pick: Citadel 28 PC 10

Montana at E Washington

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UM	91	300	42	3
EWU	139	310	30	2

Montana finally lost a game they were expected to win early in the season. This could be a tight game with EWU RB Taiwan Jones hot as of late and the Montana QBs have been struggling. Montana wins in a close one though behind their ground game.

Josh's Pick: UM 35 EWU 28

Weber St at Sacramento St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
WSU	131	320	34	3
SSU	139	210	25	1

QB Cameron Higgins had a big game last week and should do so again against an average Sac State defense. Look for WR Mike Phillips to have a good game and for Weber State to win by double digits.

Josh's Pick: WSU 42 SSU 24

UC Davis at San Diego

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UCD	191	225	30	3
USD	39	170	17	1

UC Davis has struggled this year so far but San Diego has not been impressive either. Look for Davis to win by double digits behind a strong passing attack.

Josh's Pick: UC Davis 31 San Diego 20